

Short Notes.

Curious Nesting Place of *Simotes Octolineatus*.

In September last an old *Spathodea nilotica* tree which had been sickly for some time was cut down in the Botanic Gardens. In breaking it up one bough was found to be full of old borings of some longicorn beetle, and ensconced in one of these tunnels was found a living female snake (*Simotes octolineatus*) about a foot long which had already laid about a dozen oblong eggs an inch long in the tunnel. The bough was more than twenty feet from the ground, and the tree was isolated and with a bare trunk so that the snake must have climbed up the slightly roughened bark of the trunk. There were several openings into the bough whence the beetles had escaped and through one of these the little snake must have entered the burrow.

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Fertilization of *Barringtonia*.

In Journal No. 41. p. 124 a description of the fertilization of *Barringtonia racemosa* was given. The moth described as conveying the pollen to the stigma and so fertilizing the flower has been identified by Sir George Hampson as *Zethes rufipennis* Hampson.

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